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In re Application of:

Cart, John Steven

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Examiner: Tucker, Phillip C.

Docket No.: 15564-1

Title: Composition of Drilling Fluids Comprising Ground Elastomeric Crumb Rubber Material and a Method of Decreasing Seepage and Whole Mud Loss Using Such Composition.

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RESPONSE

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